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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS WERE SENT TO EARTH BY ONE OF DR. EGGMAN'S MACHINES! NOW SONIC AND THE OTHERS HAVE MADE A HOME AND A NAME FOR THEMSELVES AS THEY SAVE THE DAY TIME AND AGAIN!

GO ANDES THE GINORMOUS!

HERE WE GO AGAIN. AREN'T YOU GUYS TIRED OF WRESTLING?

THE RETURN OF EL GRAN GORDO!

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ANDES! YOU'VE JUST DEFENDED THE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE FIFTH TIME IN A ROW! WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU?

I DO NOT KNOW. I AM **BORED.** I WANT A REAL CHALLENGE, LIKE THAT COWARD EL GRAN GORDO. I WOULD FIGHT HIM IF HE EVER DECIDED TO SHOW HIMSELF AGAIN!

DID YOU HEAR THAT, GRANDPA Z! ANDES JUST CALLED EL GRAN GORDO OUT!

YES! IT WOULD BE AN INCREDIBLE MATCH, EVEN IF GRAN GORDO WAS REALLY DR. EGGMAN!

DREAM ON, GUYS. DR. EGGMAN GAVE UP ON THAT SILLY LUCHADOR BUSINESS A LONG TIME AGO!

R-R-REMEMBER, DOCTOR!

Y-Y-YOU GAVE UP THAT SILLY LUCHADOR BUSINESS A LONG TIME AGO!

YOU MAY HAVE BEEN POPULAR AS EL GRAN GORDO, BUT YOU ENDED UP HAVING TO FIGHT SONIC IN THE RING!

WHILE YOU WERE BUSY WITH THAT, BOKKUN WENT CRAZY AND TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD!*

*REMEMBER ALL THE WACKY FUN IN SX #26-27?

OH COME ON, GUYS. I WAS ONLY A LITTLE HYPER FROM ALL THOSE SWEET, SUGARY TREATS...

IT'S A GOOD THING I PLANNED FOR JUST SUCH AN OCCASION. THIS ANDES FELLOW WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM. COME WITH ME, BOKKUN! I NEED YOU FOR THIS PLAN!

M-M-ME?!

THE NEXT DAY...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT CHRIS SEES IN THAT FAKE WRESTLING. SURE THERE ARE COLORFUL COSTUMES, AND LOTS OF ACTION, AND BIGGER-THAN-LIFE CHARACTERS...

...BUT HE LIVES THAT EVERY DAY WITH ME!

KA-BOOM!

WHAT WAS THAT?!

NYAR-HAR-HAR! GIMME THOSE SWEETS! AND MONEY, TOO, I GUESS...

GO AHEAD BAKE MY DAY

EGGMAN'S ALREADY TAKEN FORTY CAKES! THAT'S TERRIBLE! TIME TO KICK HIS KEISTER AGAIN!

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¡HOLA, AMIGOS! ¡¿GUESS WHO'S BACK?!
WHAT?!
THAT'S RIGHT! I ACCEPT ANDES' CHALLENGE AND I'LL MEET HIM IN THE RING *TONIGHT.*
THAT IS--IF HE ISN'T *POLLO!*
HOW CAN HE BE MAKING A LIVE BROADCAST WHEN HE'S RIGHT OVER...
...THERE. SHOOT.

THAT NIGHT!

HEY, SONIC!

AREN'T YOU COMING TO THE BIG FIGHT TONIGHT?

NO THANKS, CHRIS! I'M GOING TO DO LAPS AROUND THE CITY UNTIL I FIND DR. EGGMAN AND GET SOME ANSWERS!

YOUR LOSS!

GOOD LUCK, SONIC!

THANKS, BUDDY! SNAP A PICTURE FOR ME IF GRAN GORDO GETS HIT WITH A FOLDING CHAIR!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ALL CAME OUT HERE FOR NOTHING. HERE IS THE **CHAMPION'S BELT.** I DON'T SEE ANY CHALLENGERS FOR IT! WHERE IS THAT COWARD? WHERE IS EL GRAN GORDO?

WAIT NO LONGER. ¡EL GRAN GORDO IS **HERE!**

EL GRAN

SO--YOU'RE THE ONE WHO ORDERED THE MUY GRANDE SMACK-DOWN?

GORDO RULES

#1

THE MOUNTAINS DO NOT KNEEL, LEAST OF ALL TO YOU.

UNO MOMENTO, ANDY. I OWE MY FANS AN EXPLANATION.

I AM SORRY I HAD TO FOOL YOU ALL LAST TIME. I AM NOT DR. EGGMAN. DID YOU SEE THE NEWS REPORT ABOUT HIM ROBBING THAT BAKERY TODAY?

THE TRUTH IS, IT WAS AN ELABORATE PLAN TO SAVE YOU ALL! TO SAVE OUR PRESIDENTE! BUT NOW I AM COME BACK TO YOU, MY FAITHFUL FANS! I AM THE ONE, TRUE EL GRAN GOR--

--D'OH!

SLAM!

¡CARAMBA! I FORGOT ALL MY VICTORIES CAME OUT OF TRICKERY!

AND YET... EVEN THOUGH I LOST MY FIGHT WITH SONIC, I LASTED LONGER THAN ANY OF MY ROBOTS EVER HAVE!

IF I CAN GO THE ROUNDS WITH THE RODENT, YOU WILL BE ***NOTHING!***

¡ARRRRRRRIBA!

TOSS!

TWANG!

CLUD!

EL GRAN

ON THE OTHER HAND...

I'LL ADMIT, THAT *DOES* LOOK ENTERTAINING...

...AND SEARCHING THE CITY IS GETTING ME NOWHERE FAST.

MAYBE I SHOULD QUESTION GRAN GORDO INSTEAD.

SALE

ON SECOND THOUGHT...!

FIRST A BAKERY AND NOW A CANDY STORE. I DIDN'T THINK THE DOC HAD THAT BIG OF A SWEET TOOTH.

SUGAR BUZZ

ZAP!

SOLD

NEWS

OUT FOR A LATE-NIGHT SNACK, EGGMAN?

EEP!

Y-YOU STAY OUT OF MY PLANS, SONIC! YOU CAN'T STOP ME! Y-YOU'RE JUST A... A...

A NINNY!

Erm...

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LONG-WINDED INSULTS? THE ALLITERATION? SOMETHING'S UP.

COME ON DOWN, EGGMAN!

JUST YOU WAIT! I'LL GET YOU WITH MY... um... LASER? OR MISSILE? HOLD ON...

THIS ONE? NO--THIS ONE? COME ON! ONE OF THESE HAS TO DO *SOME-THING!*

EXIT

HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HIS WEAPONS ARE? NOW I *KNOW* YOU'RE NOT THE REAL DEAL.

POW!

NERGF!

HA! GOTCHA!

WHAM!

OH NO! THE CANDY!

AH, THERE WE GO. NOW I KNOW WHO YOU ARE...

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...BOKKUN!

Ah-heh-heh... WOULD YOU BELIEVE THE DOCTOR MADE ME DO IT?

I GET IT NOW. YOU MAKE IT LOOK LIKE DR. EGGMAN IS STILL AROUND, SO HE CAN PRETEND TO BE EL GRAN GORDO!

PRETTY MUCH. YOU OUGHT TO JOIN THE CHAOTIX.

GIFTS

WELL, ENOUGH'S ENOUGH.

EEP!

HAD... HAD ENOUGH?

YOU ARE PATHETIC. I BECAME CHAMPION DREAMING OF FIGHTING YOU. AND HERE YOU ARE--A GRAN FALSO!

GO AHEAD AND TAP OUT! SURRENDER! I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WASTE MY ENERGY TO END YOU MYSELF.

GRAN G...

GO GO GORD...

¿QUE?

I BELIEVE IN YOU.

EL GRAN GORDO
NEVER
SURRENDERS!

¿WHAT SHOULD IT BE, AMIGOS? ¡¿THE FLYING GORDITO SMASHER?!

GRAN GORDO

YEAH! THE SMASHER!

GO GO GORDO

¡FLYING GORDITO SMASHER!

YAY!

YAY

YAAAAAAAY!

CHAMPION

HOORAY

SPLAT!

EL GRAN GORDO

SUGAR BUZZ

HERE'S YOUR CULPRIT, GUYS.

THANKS AGAIN FOR THE HELP, SONIC.

I WON'T GO THAT EASILY!

WHOA!

JUST WAIT UNTIL I GET SOME TRACTION!

MWEE-HEE-HEE! SEE YOU LATER, BOYS-IN-BLUE!

SHOOT.

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NOT LONG AFTER...

HEY, SONIC! HOW WAS YOUR NIGHT?

NOT VERY PRODUCTIVE, UNFORTUNATELY. HOW WAS --?

IT WAS INCREDIBLE! IT WAS EVEN MORE EPIC THAN YOUR FIGHT WITH HIM!

I WAS REALLY WORRIED FOR EL GRAN GORDO TOWARDS THE END!

YEAH, BUT HE TOTALLY TURNED IT AROUND! I BET HE WAS JUST LETTING ANDES BEAT ON HIM TO BUILD THE SUSPENSE!

AND THE BEST PART? HE ISN'T REALLY DR. EGGMAN!

SPEAKING OF WHICH, DID YOU FIND ANY CLUE AS TO WHY DR. EGGMAN ROBBED THAT BAKERY?

Er...

WELL... SEE... DR. EGGMAN...

YEAH, SONIC?

GO GO GORDO

LIKE I SAID-- UNEVENTFUL NIGHT. WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THE DOC LATER.

KNOCK! KNOCK!

Um... BUENOS NOCHES. IS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HOME? I NEED HIS HELP.

EL GRAN GORDO

CHAMPION

SONIC X SONIC-GRAMS

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It's the return of Sonic X-Grams! Hold onto your britches as we plunge into this month's mailbag of goodness...

Dear Sonic X-Grams, I think Tails is underappreciated and deserves more credit helping Sonic! He's very smart.

Tails fans of the world unite!

I have a question: how was he born with two tails?

Yes, that is indeed a question.

Also, I like his craftsmanship on the "X-Tornado"!

- MATTHEW M.
FROM VA

Aw, heck, anyone can build state-of-the-art aircraft technology on a foreign planet with little to no resources.

Dear Sonic X-Grams: I must admit that Eggman is pretty cool in some ways.

First Tails, now Eggman?! Read the title, kids: "SONIC X"!

For example, he's the best "power" character in Sonic Riders. Plus, his walker is the best one in Sonic Adventure 2, and he did win in "The Spin Doctor," that Sonic Spinball comic.

Nice reference! "The Spin Doctor" is a classic from issue #6, available in Sonic Archives Volume 2! (SHAMELESS PLUG #1!!)

If possible, could you send me a robot to clean my room, or at least a mind-control ray or vaporizer?

- PETER "SONIC" L.
FROM NC

This is probably the thirtieth request this week we've had for a Vac-U-Bot! We'll see what we can do about the vaporizer...

P.S. If I had to choose a super villain to rule Earth, he would win, hands down.

That's sort of scary.

Dear Sonic X-Grams, I draw a lot of pictures of Sonic and am getting really good at it, I go to the comic book store every weekend and buy new issues. So far I have 13 issues of Sonic and Sonic X. When I am older I hope to maybe work for Archie Comics.

- CHRIS A.
FROM OR

Well, we'll be waiting with baited breath for that day! Good luck!

Dear Sonic X-Grams, I'm your biggest fan!

Uh-huh.

You know, I think that your new comic Sonic X is a blast!

What a coincidence: so do we!

But now that Sonic is here on Earth, won't he miss all his old friends?

You must mean his friends from Mobius, like Sally, Antoine, and Rotor, featured regularly in the Sonic the Hedgehog series available at your local comic book shop (SHAMELESS PLUG #2)!

I don't have much access to your comics; in order to get your comics my dad and I have to go online and look around.

- TYLER G.
FROM NC

Oh, the wonders of the internet! But let this be a lesson to all of you Sonic collectors: there is always hope, so long as there are Collector Sets and the Sonic Checklist. (SHAMELESS PLUG #3!)

Well, that about wraps it up for the magnanimous return of Sonic X-Grams. Keep those letters and art coming...See you next month, and don't forget: Keep on juicin'!

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El Gran Gordo teams up with El Rapido Azule in an all-out assault on Eggman's forces! Can the mighty "Lucha-duo" best the enemy? In fact, who is the enemy?!

ON SALE THE WEEK OF 05/05/08

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